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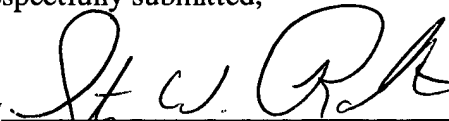
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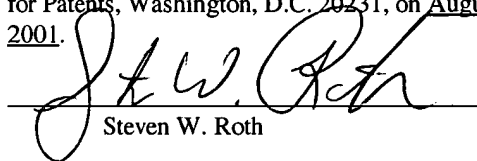
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AR	U.S. Patent Application, "Apparatus, Method, and Business Method for Enabling Customer Access to Computer System" ✓
	Execution Data in Exchange for Sharing the Execution Data," Serial No. 09/892,435, filed on June 27, 2001.
AS	U.S. Patent Application, "Method and Apparatus for Automating Software Upgrades," Serial No. 09/912,975, ✓
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AT	U.S. Patent Application, "Method and Apparatus Upgrade Assistance Using Critical Historical Product Information," ✓
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	BR	U.S. Patent Application, "Physical Device Placement Assistant," Serial No. 09/865,798, filed on May 25, 2001.
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